

14 June 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Warning Working Group Meeting on 8 June 1979

X1 The Warning Working Group met on Friday, 8 June.  
[redacted] was not present. [redacted] attended for  
Mr. Shackley. 25X

1. The meeting was devoted primarily to a discussion of a future agenda for the Working Group. The Chairman reviewed some possibilities, including the matters raised by Congressman Rose at the last I&W Seminar and those raised in the HPSCI classified annex to the authorization act. In the course of an extended discussion, it was agreed that:

- The Working Group was not an appropriate locus for crisis post mortems for the Community. This did not exclude the Group's looking into warning performance post facto with a view to improvement.
- The reactivation of the Operations Centers Conference satisfied HPSCI's concerns in this area.
- The consideration of "associated measures" in MBFR was too far down the track for the group to have a role.
- The Working Group should on occasion deal with substantive topics, especially in areas where this does not duplicate the activities of the NIO monthly meetings. Members were requested to suggest topics when so moved.

--



All paragraphs in this memo  
are classified SECRET.

Approved For Release 2005/03/24 : CIA-RDP83B01027R000200150025-3

SECRET

25X

- The Working Group should vet proposals going forward to the DDCI's committee, but -- as explained by Ms. Lavoy -- HPSCI was not pressing for frequent meetings of this committee. The Chairman noted that he planned to have the Working Group, expanded to include service representatives, review Mr. MacEachin's staffing proposals before these were presented to the DDCI's group.

2. With regard to the production strategy, both CIA and DIA reported further on their difficulties. It was apparent that the original concept of tackling the problem in separate pieces was not completely feasible; there was considerable overlap and a great deal of coordination would be involved. [redacted] promised to send around a memorandum that he was expecting from [redacted]

[redacted] reported that CIA's tasking had fallen between two stools and that he was seeking to sort things out with OSR and NIO/CF. The Chairman suggested that no further action be taken until [redacted] memo was received and until he had had time to discuss overlapping responsibilities with [redacted]. He foresaw a requirement to get the substantive people and their managers together in one room if any progress was to be made.

3. The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on Thursday, 21 June, at 1315 in Room 7D32 (please note changed day) if Mr. MacEachin will be in a position to report on his personnel plans by that time. Members will be notified by telephone, probably on 15 June. If the meeting is held, the agenda will also include a quick review of a draft terms of reference for the Director, SWS and SWS' response on the [redacted]

[redacted]  
National Intelligence Officer  
for Warning

Distribution:

- 1 - Each WWG Member
- 1 - [redacted] NITC
- ① - WWG File
- 1 - NIO/W Chrono
- 1 - NFAC Registry